

# Together WE Build

## Our Red Sea Community

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### BREAKING NEWS:

- ✓ The winner of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade writing competition in Ms. Gawith's class is...  
**I haven't heard yet – HAVE YOU?**
- ✓ **SO many** activities – so little time - see inside for a few descriptions.

### New Shopping Bus Schedule:

Now, there are different buses going to different destinations at staggered times.

### NEW OPENINGS:

- ♦ The Harbor Community Library, open every day 9 a.m. – 10 p.m.; books, DVDs, CDs, audio books, journals and magazines – mostly in English;
- ♦ **Fish Market on Fridays**, 5-8pm, at the end of Discovery Sq. with produce man;
- ♦ Al-Asfour **Barbershop** just off Discovery Sq. (H-4305-B, #6 + 7); Sat-Thu, 11-2p; 3p-9pm; **802-4064**
- ♦ Al-Asfour **Ladies' Hair Salon/Spa** (H-4300-A, #46, 47) offering hair care, facials, massages, nail care, and more. Days and times same as Barbershop; **802-4061/-63**

### ➤ From rumor to reality:

The **HARBOR SPORTS CLUB (HSC)** has now opened. Plenty of activities there!

Play from 6:00 – 22:00 (6 am-10 pm);  
Bowling lanes open from 12:00-22:00;  
Rock climbing wall from 14:00-22:00.

For more information please contact:

**808-6613, 808-6614, 808-6615**  
or email [recreation@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:recreation@kaust.edu.sa)



### WHAT's INSIDE?

- ✚ **VIPs** – stories and interviews
- ✚ Words' worth
- ✚ Did /Do You Know...?
- ✚ Schedules (embedded in the "Did/Do You Know" section)
- ✚ Something Tasty is *missing from today's newsletter* – too much news to report!
- ✚ Travel
- ✚ *Potpourri*

It is not possible to repeat ongoing activities and group gatherings, so please refer to previous **ORSC** issues.

Changes to those items will, of course, be provided, **IF** I know about them.

*If you are not yet getting a copy of this **community** newsletter and want to, send me an email:*

[abgwsa1@yahoo.com](mailto:abgwsa1@yahoo.com)

*If you have something community relevant to announce, send me an email: [abgwsa1@yahoo.com](mailto:abgwsa1@yahoo.com)*

**Contributions** to this **community** newsletter are **encouraged, invited** and **needed**. Are you available to help?

Due to the EID Holiday break, **ORSC** newsletter will be out in December on the **2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesdays** (December **8<sup>th</sup>** and **22<sup>nd</sup>**). The regular distribution schedule of the **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays** will resume in January.

I would like to wish you all a pleasant and safe holiday period and thank you, neighbors, for your support of this voluntary newsletter endeavor. The **ORSC** distribution list is almost at 200 !

## An Interview with Michael Berumen:

Photo taken by  
Simon Thorrold



### Where are you from and when did you arrive here?

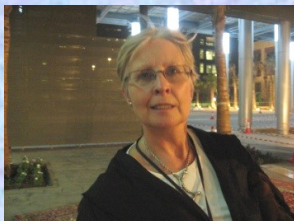
I was born in Ohio, but grew up in Arkansas, USA. I spent a year in Australia studying coral reef science at James Cook University, graduated with a degree in zoology, then returned to JCU to do my PhD. My first visit to KAUST was in May 2008.

**Why did you choose to come to KAUST?** While a post-doc at Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute, I participated in the WHOI-KAUST "Special Partnership". During my May visit, I saw the incredible potential here. Saudi Arabia's Red Sea reefs are not very well studied, unlike reefs in the West Pacific or Caribbean, so there is plenty to discover. It's exciting to have access to such good reefs and the great facilities that will be here.

**How do you spend most of your time (work and non-work related)?** I typically spend a large amount of my work-related time in the water. I have active field projects in many parts of the world, and most of them require fairly intensive fieldwork. I'm involved in making detailed observations of fish feeding behaviors, surveying corals and fish affected by climate change, collecting DNA samples from clownfish, tagging whale sharks, and such. Of course, this typically leads to long hours in the lab and then finally publishing the results! Though this part is much less "glamorous" or "adventurous" than the fieldwork, it's all part of the science!

In the little non-work-related time that I have, I enjoy playing golf, playing guitar, and bicycling.

**My first impression of KAUST** was that we had a lot of work to do!! It was easy to see the huge potential, though. I was quickly impressed with my fellow faculty members. I am continually impressed with the "chemistry" among the faculty members and think this contributes to a stronger community. I look forward to being a part of the whole experience as we keep moving along.



## This is Susan Hemp

As secretary to Brian Moran, Interim Provost, her days are often busy and challenging, but her previous employment at Queen Mary University in London no doubt prepared her for it. A Scot by birth, Sue was a Washington, D.C. resident for about 25 years. When she saw the ads for KAUST faculty, and saw the post-graduate opportunities being offered

women to advance in science, her desire to take on whatever challenges might arise motivated her to apply for a role.

Sue arrived this past January and has spent long workdays helping staff and faculty. When not immersed in office matters, Sue is often submerged in the Red Sea, naming diving as one of her several passions. As a former marine cetacean life rescue worker with British Divers, her love of animals large and small comes as no surprise. Some of you may have seen Sue hitting balls on the driving range as well – that's another of her passions.

Sue's first impression of the whole of KAUST was its overwhelming scale. The pictures that she saw, she said, were not as grand as when she finally came to stand on the campus's ground.

## Words' worth:

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Literal meaning: If you have an opinion, be determined; the only faulty opinion is to hesitate.



## Did you know...

- that every **Wednesday** at Discovery Square is **Kids' Night** at the movies? There's also a family **Tuesday** and **Thursday** movie schedule. Once the sun is down, the movie goes on. Details from KAUST recreation.

## Did you know...

- that this past **Friday** (Nov. 13) was a trip to the Home Arts Museum in Jeddah? Visitors saw examples of old Islamic civilization, culture and dress. Some of the artifacts are 70 years old. The museum itself is just 12 years old.

## Did you know...

- that this past Friday was also the **first Sail Island trip**? Another one is scheduled for **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>**. Sand, shallow pool, inflatables AND a buffet lunch: register **by the 25<sup>th</sup>** if you want to go, and then meet at Discovery Square on the **27<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** for the bus; [Events.regist@gmail.com](mailto:Events.regist@gmail.com)

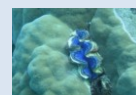
## Do you know that there's a

- **"Ladies Mornings Out"** every **Sunday** at the golf course café from **9-11a.m.**? Enjoy visiting with new friends and have a lite breakfast buffet. A fitness club speaker will provide interesting tidbits about diet, exercise, kids' health and more – something different each time.
- **"Ladies Night Out"** held on the **2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday** of the month in the golf course reception room from **7-9p.m.**? Snacks and beverages are served, too. The discussion focus is varied.



## Do you know that there are

- opportunities for you (and your family) to take a boat ride? *Marine Services* welcomes you aboard the **KOKIYAN**. Trips are available to suit families, adults, students, males and females (see schedule). The cost is **SAR 75** for adults and children age 12 yrs or over, **SAR 25** for children under 12 yrs. **Cash payment** is required **at the start** of the trip. They leave Discovery Square (opposite the main mosque) at 8:30 a.m. Trips are on a first come, first served basis, so **contact** them now [marina@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:marina@kaust.edu.sa)



## Schedule for November

- **19** – Adult Females Only (8.30-4pm; male crew)
- **20** – Community Trip (8:30-3pm; swim, line fish, snorkel; floaties available; no unaccompanied kids)
- **26** – Adult Trip (8:30-4pm; 18yrs old+; swim, line fish, snorkel, relax on deck, etc.)
- **27, 28, 29, 30** – Community Trip **AND**
- **December 1, 2, 3, 4** = Community Trip
- Snacks, sandwiches, drinks provided;
- Some snorkel gear, safety equipmt provided;
- **BRING sunscreen, sunglasses, hat?, towels, cover-up & KAUST ID, IQAMA/ Passport;**
- **A completed Medical Form (supplied) must be completed and brought.**

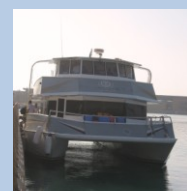
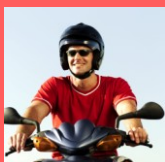
## Do you know that

- an **after-school enrichment program** started this past **Saturday**? Sign up (see below) for different activities for Saturdays, 3:15-4:15 pm, **until Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>**. Teachers have volunteered to participate.

Thank You, **TEACHERS!**  
<http://bit.ly/KaustHESActivities>

## Do you know that the

- **cost** of a bike helmet for you or your child is much less than the cost in time, heartache and medical care for a traumatic head injury? **BUY & USE** a helmet when out on your bicycle or motorbike/ scooter.



**November-JEDDAH-Bus Times****Saturdays – Wednesdays:**

Depart from Kaust Inn TO Departs

8:00 (1)	IMC/Sairafi	13:30
16:00 (4)	IMC/Al-Ballad	21:00
17:30 (3)	Hera' Intl	22:00
17:30 (6)	Sairafi/IKEA	21:00
18:00 (2)	Red Sea/Roshan	21:00
18:00 (5)	Mall of Arabia	22:00

**Thursdays:**

7:45 (1)	IMC/Sairafi	13:30
16:00 (2)	Red Sea/Roshan	23:00
16:00 (3)	Al-Tahlia Street	23:00
16:00 (4)	Sairafi/IKEA	23:00
16:00 (5)	IMC/Al-Ballad	23:00
16:00 (6)	Mall of Arabia	23:00

**Fridays:**

16:00 (1)	Red Sea/Roshan	21:00
16:00 (2)	Al-Tahlia Street	21:00
16:00 (3)	Sairafi/IKEA	21:00
16:00 (4)	Al-Ballad	21:00
16:00 (5)	Mall of Arabia	21:00

Leaves for KAUST

**Don't get left behind – either way!****CALL** Moussa Daher with questions**0560011900****Important Security Advice:**

- ☺ **Lock** your bike or scooter in the garage; chain to an immovable object when out and about;
- ☺ **Write** down the license plate number of any vehicle that runs through posted stop signs and **report** to Security Services (Police);
- ☺ **Report** lost or stolen keys, ID badge, mobile phone, computer to KAUST Security Services;
- ☺ **Report** any suspicious activity immediately to Security Services.

**911 from a landline; (02) 808-0911; or Security Services Control Center at (02) 808-5861; or Email: [security.services@kaust.edu.sa](mailto:security.services@kaust.edu.sa)**

**REMEMBER****"SECURITY IS EVERYONE'S RESPONSIBILITY"****Destination = Jizan (Arabic: جيزان):**

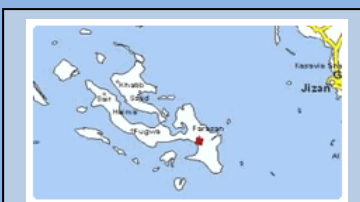
Located in southwestern Saudi Arabia, Jizan covers an area of 40,000 square kilometers, including some 5,000 villages and cities. The city of Jizan is situated on the Red Sea coast. Attached to it are 100 islands, including the important island of Farasan. Jizan is the third most important seaport on the Red Sea.

Farasan Island itself is surrounded by some 90 islands to which thousands of birds migrate annually from Europe and other parts of the world. Gazelles are also found in large numbers in these islands.

**Did You Know that**

- **Eid Al-Adha** is a religious feast celebrated on the 10th of Dhul-Hijjah, the 12th month of the Islamic calendar; and, that
- the Islamic calendar is a purely lunar calendar? It contains 12 months that are based on the motion of the moon, and because 12 synodic months are only 354.36 days, the Islamic year is consistently shorter than a typical Gregorian or Christian year.

Info and map from: [www.the-saudi.net](http://www.the-saudi.net);  
Photo below of old Jizan Fort;  
Photo credit: [community.webshots.com](http://community.webshots.com)



**Tutoring Available:** Private, for female students of all ages, English, Islamic studies, Arabic, Physics, Chemistry, Math and Biology; contact Suhad at 02 802-5109 or 0507090564.

A charitable donations activity will be announced shortly. Its purpose is to provide things (clothes and more) that you (and/or your family) don't need or use to those who do need or can use them.

**Traveling** during the holidays? Who is watching your "little ones"? Cats, dogs, birds, fish and even indoor plants need regular care. Exchanging help is neighborly. Contact me.

Is it about time to start thinking about **carpooling** or **sharing a taxi**/driver into Jeddah? There are many ways to be a neighbor **and** cut costs. Why not ask around to see who is going **when** and **how**?



# POTPOURRI

**Parents** are coming together for their and their children's benefit; **join in:**  
<http://groups.google.com/group/kaust-parents/about?hl=en>

The Diabetes Awareness event on November 14 (with a cap and T-shirt giveaway) was an important and informative event during which Mr. Stephen Middlebrook told his stories. You didn't miss it, did you?

**NEW TOYS** for the Mommy and Me play group kids (provided by KAUST). **Come play!**

As promised in the previous newsletter, here are some "farmer's market" photos:

**Fridays**, 1 pm–9 pm and **Mondays**, 5 pm–8 pm Discovery Square gets very colorful with fruits and vegetables, spices, seeds and nuts. NOW joined by fresh fish sellers on **Fridays**.



New photos of the Halloween event:



**FUN** was definitely the name of the game for these kids!

The adults had fun, too, no doubt!

**4 5 7 11 19 ? What is it ?**

Answer is in the bicycle box.